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1. The reply brief filed on 10/22/2007 has not been considered because it is not in compliance with 37 CFR 41.41(a). The reply brief appears to be directed to addressing claims that had been cancelled by the appellant and admitted in said reply brief. Further, appellant has re-iterated the arguments from the Appeal Brief of 5/2/2007. Appellant should note that the Examiner's Answer of 8/22/2007 addresses only the pending claims 1-11 and 28-34, and not the cancelled claims 12-19 and 35. This is supported by the response to the arguments presented in the Examiner's Answer, page-7. Additionally, appellant is also informed that the 102 rejection provided in the Examiner's Answer, under the Grounds of Rejection, in page-4, is a copy of the rejection that was made in the Office Action of 10/24/2005. Since, the copied rejection has not been changed in the subsequent Office Action of 12/4/2006, but the heading was merely reiterated to address the cancelled claims therebefore. Thus, the rejection in the Answer was copied as is from the Office Action of 10/24/2005. Therefore, the Reply Brief of 10/22/2007 has not been considered because of the presence of Grounds of Rejection and Argument sections include the cancelled claims.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Nasser Ahmad whose telephone number is 571-272-1487. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Thursday from 7:30AM to 5:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Rena Dye, can be reached on 571-272-3186. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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